

What is claimed is:

1. A schedule execution managing apparatus managing execution of one or more schedules, comprising:

5 a planned start time setting unit setting a planned start time of a schedule in correspondence with a base time and an offset from the base time;

a planned start time storing unit storing the set planned start time; and

10 a schedule execution controlling unit controlling an execution start of the schedule by referencing contents stored in said planned start time storing unit.

2. The schedule execution managing apparatus
15 according to claim 1, further comprising

a planned start time changing unit changing a planned start time of a schedule which uses a changed base time in correspondence with the base time after being changed and the offset, when the base time is
20 changed, and rewriting the planned start time stored in said planned start time storing unit.

3. A schedule execution managing apparatus managing execution of one or more schedules, comprising:

25 a planned start time setting unit setting a

planned start time of a schedule in correspondence with an end time of a different schedule having a dependency on the schedule, and an offset from the end time;

a planned start time storing unit storing the set
5 planned start time; and

a schedule execution controlling unit controlling an execution start of the schedule by referencing contents stored in said planned start time storing unit.

10 4. The schedule execution managing apparatus according to claim 3, further comprising

a planned start time changing unit changing the planned start time of the schedule having the dependency on the different schedule in correspondence with the
15 end time after being changed and the offset from the end time, when the end time of the different schedule is changed, and rewriting the planned start time stored in said planned start time storing unit.

20 5. A schedule execution managing method managing execution of one or more schedules, comprising:

setting a planned start time of a schedule in correspondence with a base time and an offset from the base time;

25 storing the set planned start time; and

controlling an execution start of the schedule by
referencing the stored planned start time.

6. The schedule execution managing method
5 according to claim 5, further comprising:

resetting a planned start time of a schedule which
uses a changed base time in correspondence with the
changed base time and the offset from the base time,
when the base time is changed;

10 storing the reset planned start time; and
controlling an execution start of the schedule by
referencing the stored planned start time.

7. A schedule execution managing method
15 managing execution of one or more schedules, comprising:

setting a planned start time of a schedule in
correspondence with an end time of a different schedule
having a dependency on the schedule, and an offset from
the end time;

20 storing the set planned start time; and
controlling an execution start of the schedule by
referencing the stored planned start time.

8. The schedule execution managing method
25 according to claim 7, further comprising:

resetting the planned start time of the schedule having the dependency on the different schedule the end time of which is changed, in correspondence with the end time after being changed and the offset from the end time, when the end time of the different schedule is changed;

storing the reset planned start time; and

controlling an execution start of the schedule by referencing the stored planned start time.

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9. A computer-readable storage medium on which is recorded a program for causing a computer to execute a process for managing execution of one more schedules, said process comprising:

15 setting a planned start time of a schedule in correspondence with a base time and an offset from the base time;

storing the set planned start time; and

controlling an execution start of the schedule by
20 referencing the stored planned start time.

10. A computer-readable storage medium on which is recorded a program for causing a computer to execute a process for managing execution of one or more schedules, said process comprising:

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setting a planned start time of a schedule in correspondence with an end time of a different schedule having a dependency on the schedule, and an offset from the end time;

- 5 storing the set planned start time; and
 controlling an execution start of the schedule by referencing the stored planned start time.

11. A schedule execution managing apparatus
 10 managing execution of one or more schedules, comprising:

planned start time setting means for setting a planned start time of a schedule in correspondence with a base time and an offset from the base time;

planned start time storing means for storing the
 15 set planned start time; and

schedule execution controlling means for controlling an execution start of the schedule by referencing contents stored in said planned start time storing means.

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12. A schedule execution managing apparatus managing execution of one or more schedules, comprising:

planned start time setting means for setting a planned start time of a schedule in correspondence with
 25 an end time of a different schedule having a dependency

on the schedule, and an offset from the end time;

planned start time storing means for storing the
set planned start time; and

schedule execution controlling means for
5 controlling an execution start of the schedule by
referencing contents stored in said planned start time
storing means.

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